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SPECIAL ECONOMIC, HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Egypt*, France, Jordan*, Kuwait, Lebanon*, Pakistan and Syrian Arab Republic: draft resolution

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/173 of 19 December 1991 on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon, as well as previous resolutions adopted by the Council, in which the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations were called upon to expand and intensify their programmes of assistance in response to the urgent needs of Lebanon,

Aware of the deteriorating economic conditions of Lebanon and the magnitude of the country's prevailing needs,

Noting with great concern the high rate of inflation in Lebanon during the past few years, the catastrophic erosion of the value of the country's currency and the severe destruction of its infrastructure,

1. Appeals to all Member States and all organizations of the United Nations system to intensify their efforts to mobilize all possible assistance for the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SUBSIDIARY BODIES
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Pakistan*: draft resolution

Establishment of new subsidiary bodies of the
Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992,

Reaffirming also its decision 1992/218 of 30 April 1992,

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General on the proposed consolidated mandates of the new subsidiary bodies of the Council, 1/

Bearing in mind that these new subsidiary bodies will contribute to the efforts of the international community towards sustainable development,

1. Endorses the consolidated mandates of the new subsidiary bodies, namely the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and Energy for Development, as set forth in the note by the Secretary-General;

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

1/ E/1992/76.

2. Approves the draft provisional agendas and programmes of work for the first sessions of those bodies, as contained in that note;

3. Invites the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 9 of the annex to its resolution 46/235, to consider, at its forty-seventh session, any relevant institutional changes and recommendations made by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session and by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development regarding, in particular, the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development.

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Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen*: draft resolution

Assistance to Yemen

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Yemen, 1/

Recognizing the social and economic challenges for Yemen, arising from the merging of the two parts of that country, the returning migrant workers and the increasing number of refugees from Somalia,

1. Welcomes the Round-table Conference for Yemen, which was held at Geneva on 30 June and 1 July 1992;

2. Urges the international community to actively contribute to the policy discussions and coordination process initiated by that Conference and, in particular, to the sectoral follow-up meetings and the next round-table conference, scheduled for late 1993;

3. Calls upon all Governments and regional and international organizations to extend all possible assistance to Yemen so that it may overcome the difficulties arising from the above-mentioned challenges.

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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Austria, Canada, Finland, Japan, New Zealand*, Norway*, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** and United States of America: draft resolution

Activities of the United Nations system in the Baltic States and the Commonwealth of Independent States

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling decision 92/43, adopted on 26 May 1992 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirty-ninth session, 1/ and decision 1992/19, adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund at its regular session of 1992, 2/ concerning the activities of the United Nations system in the Baltic States and the Commonwealth of Independent States,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community.

1/ See E/1992/L.23.

2/ See E/1992/L.28.

Reaffirming the importance it attaches to an integrated United Nations system approach to, and an integrated United Nations system presence in, the region,

1. Requests the various bodies of the United Nations system:

(a) In consultation with the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the Joint Consultative Group on Policy, to reach an early agreement that will ensure such an integrated approach and integrated presence in the countries concerned, including common administrative support arrangements;

(b) In providing assistance to the countries concerned, to take account of the national priorities of those countries and of the comparative advantages of each of the bodies of the United Nations system;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to prepare a report on ways of ensuring such an integrated approach and integrated presence and the steps already taken to do so, which would be annexed to the report for the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system at the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

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Algeria, Egypt*, Iraq*, Jordan*, Lebanon*, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya*, Mauritania*, Morocco, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia* and Yemen*: draft resolution

Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 46/201 of 20 December 1991,

"Taking into account the intifadah of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory against the Israeli occupation, including Israeli economic and social policies and practices,

"Rejecting Israeli restrictions on external economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

"Concerned about the economic losses of the Palestinian people as a result of the Gulf crisis,

"Aware of the increasing need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

"Affirming that the Palestinian people cannot develop their national economy as long as the Israeli occupation persists,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 1/

"2. Expresses its appreciation to the States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided assistance to the Palestinian people;

"3. Requests the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people, in close cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, taking into account the economic losses of the Palestinian people as a result of the Gulf crisis;

"4. Calls for treatment on a transit basis of Palestinian exports and imports passing through neighbouring ports and points of exit and entry;

"5. Also calls for the granting of trade concessions and concrete preferential measures for Palestinian exports on the basis of Palestinian certificates of origin;

"6. Further calls for the immediate lifting of Israeli restrictions and obstacles hindering the implementation of assistance projects by the United Nations Development Programme, other United Nations bodies and others providing economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory;

"7. Reiterates its call for the implementation of development projects in the occupied Palestinian territory, including the projects mentioned in its resolution 39/223 of 18 December 1984;

"8. Calls for facilitation of the establishment of Palestinian development banks in the occupied Palestinian territory, with a view to promoting investment, production, employment and income therein;

"9. Recognizes the need for convening a seminar on assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, and, in this regard, suggests to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable

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1/ A/47/212-E/1992/54.

Rights of the Palestinian people to consider, in its programme for 1992-1993, convening such a seminar;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution."

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PROGRAMME AND RELATED QUESTIONS

Draft decision proposed by the President on behalf of the members of the Bureau of the Economic and Social Council

Summary records of sessional committees, the regional commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolutions 1979/69 of 2 August 1979 and 1981/83 of 24 July 1981 and its decisions 1983/184 of 29 July 1983, 1985/200 of 26 July 1985, 1987/179 of 8 July 1987, 1989/174 of 26 July 1989 and 1991/295 of 26 July 1991, decides to discontinue, from 1993, summary records for its sessional committees, the regional commissions and the following other subsidiary bodies:

Commission for Social Development;

Commission on the Status of Women;

Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

Commission on Science and Technology for Development;

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations;

Committee on Natural Resources;

Committee for Programme and Coordination;

Commission on Transnational Corporations;

Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development.

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COORDINATION QUESTIONS: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATICS

Argentina, Australia, Austria, China, Colombia, Egypt*, Finland, Hungary*, Israel*, Lebanon*, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya*, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar*, Norway*, Pakistan, Poland, Republic of Korea*, Romania, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka*, Sweden, Switzerland* and Turkey: draft resolution

The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1991/70 of 26 July 1991 on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States,

Taking note with appreciation of the report prepared by the Secretary-General analysing the causes of the present situation with respect to United Nations informatics systems, 1/ and of the outline of solutions presented in that report,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

1/ E/1992/78.

1. Stresses the priority that it attaches to easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access for States Members of the United Nations and for observers to the growing computerized databases and information systems and services of the United Nations;

2. Reiterates the urgent need for representatives of States to be actively associated with and as far as possible properly represented on the respective executive and governing bodies of the concerned United Nations institutions, such as the International Computing Centre and the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems, dealing with informatics within the United Nations system, so that the specific needs of States as internal end-users can be given due priority;

3. Calls for urgent implementation of measures, if necessary in a phased programme, in order to achieve the objective of easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access for all Member States and observers, inter alia, through their permanent missions in particular, to United Nations computerized databases and information systems and services;

4. Requests that the initial phases of this action programme be implemented from within existing resources, and in full consultation with the representatives of States;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the follow-up action taken on the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993;

6. Calls on Member States to pursue similar action in the governing bodies of the specialized agencies within which they are represented.

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Algeria, Angola, Benin, Congo*, Fiji*, Guinea, Jamaica, Malaysia, Namibia*, Papua New Guinea*, Somalia, Tunisia*, Uganda* and Zambia*: draft resolution

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ and the report of the Acting President of the Council on Consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, 2/

Having heard the statements made by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and by the Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

1/ A/47/28.

2/ E/1992/85.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on the subject, including in particular Assembly resolution 46/65 of 11 December 1991 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/68 of 26 July 1991,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to assist in the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations bodies,

Recalling General Assembly resolution S-16/1 of 14 December 1989, containing the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa,

Recognizing that permanent peace and stability in southern Africa can only be achieved when the system of apartheid in South Africa has been eradicated and South Africa has been transformed into a united, democratic and non-racial country, and reiterating, therefore, that all the necessary measures should be adopted at the present time to bring a speedy end to the apartheid system in the interest of all the people of southern Africa, the African continent and the world at large,

Deeply concerned that the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples have not been fully achieved,

Bearing in mind the extremely fragile economies of the small island Territories and their vulnerability to natural disasters, such as hurricanes and cyclones, and recalling relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Also bearing in mind the conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Island Developing Countries and Donor Countries and Organizations, held in New York from 25 to 29 June 1990, 3/

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/70 of 11 December 1991 on cooperation and coordination of specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting with appreciation that assistance has continued to be extended to refugees from southern Africa through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

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3/ See A/CONF.147/5-TD/B/AC.46/4.

1. Takes note of the report of the Acting President of the Economic and Social Council and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;

2. Also takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

3. Reaffirms that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the aspiration of colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the organizations of the United Nations system of all the necessary moral and material assistance to those peoples;

4. Expresses its appreciation to those specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have continued to cooperate in varying forms and degrees with the United Nations and the regional organizations concerned in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

5. Recommends that all States intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and other related resolutions of the United Nations system;

6. Requests the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations to strengthen existing measures of support and formulate additional programmes of assistance to the remaining Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories within the framework of their respective mandates;

7. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as international and regional organizations, to take appropriate measures within their spheres of competence in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories;

8. Also requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in formulating their assistance programmes, to take due account of the text entitled "Challenges and opportunities: a strategic framework", which was adopted unanimously by the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Island Developing Countries and Donor Countries and Organizations; 4/

4/ Ibid., chap. II.

9. Welcomes the continued initiative exercised by the United Nations Development Programme in maintaining close liaison among the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, and in coordinating the activities of the specialized agencies in extending effective assistance to the peoples of colonial Territories, and calls upon the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as a matter of urgency, to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the Non-Self-Governing Territories affected by natural disasters;

10. Urges the administering Powers concerned to facilitate the participation of the representatives of the Governments of Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories at the relevant meetings and conferences of the agencies and organizations so that the Territories may draw the maximum benefits from the related activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system;

11. Urges the governing bodies of those specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have not already done so to include in the agenda of their regular sessions a separate item on the progress made and action to be taken by their organizations in the implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

12. Urges the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to formulate, with the active cooperation of the regional organizations concerned, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations resolutions and to submit the proposals as a matter of priority to their governing and legislative organs;

13. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to adhere to the Programme of Action contained in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, in particular with regard to increased support for the opponents of apartheid, the use of concerted and effective measures aimed at applying pressure to ensure a speedy end to apartheid and ensuring the non-relaxation of existing measures to encourage the South African regime to eradicate apartheid until there is clear evidence of profound and irreversible changes;

14. Stresses in the context of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, the need for the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to render all possible assistance to the front-line and neighbouring States to enable them to rebuild their economies, which have been adversely affected by South Africa's acts of aggression and destabilization, to withstand any further such acts and to continue to support the people of South Africa;

15. Draws the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of

Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussion held on the subject at the second regular session of 1991 of the Economic and Social Council;

16. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to maintain close contact on these matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report thereon to the Council;

17. Also requests the President of the Council to maintain contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid, which is the focal point for the international campaign against apartheid, and to report thereon to the Council as appropriate;

18. Requests the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution, with particular attention to coordination and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 1993;

19. Decides to keep these questions under continuous review.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS A MODALITY IN THE FORMULATION, PREPARATION, EXECUTION AND EVALUATION OF THE PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED FIELDS

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Jose Guerrero (Philippines) on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1992/L.29

Technical cooperation among developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the continued validity and importance of all the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action 1/ in promoting technical cooperation among developing countries,

Reaffirming further the recommendation that the entire United Nations development system must be permeated by the spirit of technical cooperation among developing countries and that all relevant organizations of the United Nations system should play a prominent role as promoters and catalysts of technical cooperation among developing countries, 2/

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

2/ Ibid., part one, chap. I, para. 45.

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/191 of 21 December 1990 and 46/143 of 17 December 1991 on developing human resources for development,

Recognizing that increased cooperation is taking place among developing countries and their institutions through the sharing of expertise, experience and facilities,

Recognizing also that technical cooperation among developing countries is an effective tool for implementing development programmes and projects through the use of relevant experience and expertise and could also facilitate trade among developing countries,

Reiterating that developing countries have a primary responsibility for promoting technical cooperation among themselves, and that developed countries and the United Nations system should assist and support such activities and should play a prominent role as promoters and catalysts of technical cooperation among developing countries, in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

Taking note with appreciation of the recent measures taken by organizations of the United Nations system to identify technical cooperation among developing countries as a priority theme, provide increased support to promotional activities and arrange for monitoring technical cooperation among developing countries through the mechanisms established for project appraisal and approval,

Concerned, however, that technical cooperation among developing countries since the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action has not been widespread and is still marginally applied in the implementation of programmes and projects,

1. Calls upon all parties in the development effort to make concerted, planned and vigorous endeavours to benefit from utilization of the capacities of developing countries, by giving their full support and first consideration to the use of the modality;

2. Urges all parties to enhance the scope and application of the modality of technical cooperation among developing countries in work carried out at all stages of the project cycle;

3. Requests all parties to increase support activities aimed at enhancing awareness in government institutions, the private sector and non-governmental organizations, of the modality of technical cooperation among developing countries;

4. Calls for increased use, where appropriate, by developed country partners of consultants from developing countries so as, inter alia, to improve the cost-effectiveness of projects and programmes;

5. Urges the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations development system to consider improvements to the working and scope of the Information Referral System (INRES), improve and expand data and information on existing technical capabilities in developing countries through the INRES and enhance access to such information;

6. Also urges the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations development system to intensify, within existing resources, their efforts to build national capacity for human resources development in developing countries;

7. Invites all countries and organizations of the United Nations development system to further review their policies and practices to facilitate the use of technical cooperation among developing countries in the design, formulation, implementation and evaluation of programmes and projects supported by them;

8. Urges developing countries to encourage stated national policies and measures favourable to the greater use of technical cooperation among developing countries in the implementation of national development activities and projects, including procurement practices;

9. Invites developing countries to strengthen their national focal points for technical cooperation among developing countries to enable them to promote more effectively and monitor progress in technical cooperation among developing countries;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 on his assessment of the implementation of the present resolution.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SUBSIDIARY BODIES
OF THE COUNCIL

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1992/L.32

Establishment of new subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992,

Reaffirming also its decision 1992/218 of 30 April 1992,

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General on the proposed consolidated mandates of the new subsidiary bodies of the Council, 1/

Bearing in mind that these new subsidiary bodies will contribute to the efforts of the international community towards sustainable development,

1. Reaffirms the mandates of the new subsidiary bodies, namely the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and Energy

1/ E/1992/76.

for Development, as set forth in the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, including General Assembly resolution 46/235; 2/;

2. Approves the draft provisional agendas and programmes of work for the first sessions of those bodies, as contained in the note by the Secretary-General;

3. Requests those bodies to make recommendations, at their first sessions, about their future work programmes, taking into account their respective mandates and the follow-up of the relevant provisions of Agenda 21 as may be approved by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

4. Invites the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 9 of the annex to its resolution 46/235, to consider, at its forty-seventh session, any relevant institutional changes and recommendations made by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session and by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development regarding, in particular, the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development.

2/ The mandates applicable to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development are derived from General Assembly resolutions 34/218, 41/183, 42/192, 44/14 and 46/235. The terms of reference of the Committee on Natural Resources were established by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235, the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and Energy for Development will retain the current mandate of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, including the consideration of its relation to environment and development. In addition, it will take over the present mandate of the Committee on Natural Resources pertaining to energy, as defined in Economic and Social Council resolution 1535 (XLIX).

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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco) on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1992/L.33

Assistance to Yemen

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Yemen, 1/

Noting the social and economic challenges for Yemen, arising from the merging of the two parts of that country, the returning Yemeni expatriates and the increasing number of refugees from Somalia,

1. Notes with interest the Round-table Conference for Yemen, which was held at Geneva on 30 June and 1 July 1992, the sectoral follow-up meetings and the next round-table conference, scheduled for late 1993;

2. Calls upon Governments and all regional and international organizations to continue their efforts to provide their special assistance to Yemen so that it may overcome the difficulties arising from the above-mentioned challenges;

1/ A/47/283-E/1992/83.

3. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.